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TWO ESCAPEES ARE RETURNED TO EL DORADO

Ralph K. Wilkins, 18, and Wesley Finger, 21, were returned Tuesday to El Dorado county jail by Rowland Morris, sheriff of El Dorado county, following their capture Monday afternoon on the old Downieville road one mile north of Nevada City by Undersheriff Otis Hardt.

Wilkins and Finger had escaped from the El Dorado jail Sunday morning where they were being held on federal mail theft and forgery charges. The two young men were charged with stealing and cashing old age pension and unemployment insurance checks from post office boxes in Diamond Springs near Placerville.

Hardt had been dispatched out the old Downieville road to investigate another case and saw the two youths walking along the road. Answering the description of a wanted bulletin from Placerville, Hardt questioned them, took them to the sheriff's office where the pair confessed their jailbreak. Both were broke and hungry.

They had sawed through the iron bars of the El Dorado jail with smuggled hacksaws, and escaped Sunday night, and search was started the following morning when the break was discovered.

The two youths stole a light truck and had passed through Grass Valley, evidently on their way to Nevada. At Glenbrook they failed to stop for an unloading school bus, were observed and waved to the roadside by Lorris Richards, highway patrolman. They stopped and as the patrolman approached on foot they sped away.

Richards, not knowing their identity, ran to his car, and gave chase. The two men abandoned the truck at the Grass Valley Floral Shop, and by foot made their way through the Yuba River lumber company, across the highway, onto Ridge route and over to the old Downieville road where Hardt nabbed them.

DISTRICT RANCHER TO SEE DAUGHTER AFTER MANY YEARS

Cecil Q. Brown, Grass Valley chicken raiser, couldn't have been happier this week, than to know that a daughter, he had given in adoption to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bruce, Van Nuys, Los Angeles county, 20 years ago, was alive, prosperous and would be up to see him in a week from Saturday, or April 2.

Brown's first wife died 22 years ago, he said yesterday, leaving him with two little motherless girls. He gave them both in adoption. The oldest one, Jacqueline refused to stay adopted, but had come back to her father. Joan or Joalene, as her father knew her, stayed with the family who adopted her, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bruce of Van Nuys.

In the meantime Brown remarried, his wife gave him five more daughters, all living.

So when he heard that Joalene, now grown up with a family of her own, she is Mrs. Joan Olsen, if you please, was coming up to see him on his hill top home on the Colfax road, 17 miles from Grass Valley, he was mighty pleased. In fact he is planning in a way to have all seven of his dughters home. The Browns have one married daughter in Idaho, they hope to have home at that time. Joan's own sister, Jacqueline, has married and lives with her folks in the big home on the Colfax road.

So that is why the Cecil Q. Browns are looking forward with unusual interest to the arrival a week from Saturday of Mrs. Joan Olsen of Van Nuys, Los Angeles. Mrs. Brown has never seen her and Mr. Brown has not seen her since he kissed her goodbye in the Los Angeles courtroom, 21 years ago.

Shooting of Firearms In City Is Restricted

Once again the occasional warm days of spring call the nimrod to the field, and once again city officials remind them of the restrictions against firing of guns within city limits or on posted property.

Lady Bugs Is Industry In Camptonville

A thriving industry in Camptonville is the gathering and shipping to all points in the U. S. of the beetle Hippodamia Convergens, more commonly called the ladybird or ladybug.

Louie E. Schnoor, is the organizer and developer of the business.

Schnoor gathers the beetles while they hibernate during the wintertime, and keeps them in refrigeration and in a dormant state while awaiting shipment.

His biggest markets are the vegetable ranchers of Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington. The ladybugs are used to combat aphids and other insects that destroy green leaf crops. Schoor declared the bugs eat only other insects and a popular belief the ladybugs are a pest is erroneous. Because one sees the ladybug where a leaf has been eaten, many persons blame the beetle, when actually the ladybug has eaten the insect that has eaten the plant. Schnoor says the bugs do not eat vegetation.

The Camptonville bachelor often hires his neighbors and their children to help him gather the dormant beetles, usually found in pine needles and oak leaves. Often he finds enough bugs in one nest of leaves to fill 25 to 100 gallon containers. Schnoor says there are approximately 74,000 ladybugs in a gallon. He has been gathering beetles from some nests for over 10 years. Favorite places for the nests are in sunny spots on the north bank of streams.

Schnoor ships most of the bugs by express or parcel post, but occasionally if he gets a large number of orders in one section he hauls them by truck. His biggest shipping bottleneck is the container, which he makes from crates and screen wire. Schnoor ships hundreds of gallons of the bugs every season.

He has not attempted to develop a domestic source of the bug. The cost of providing feed for them would be prohibitive. By refrigerating them after they are gathered he eliminates feed requirements. He has kept some bugs dormant as long as eight months.

Schnoor believes the ladybug has strong homing instincts. He believes the bugs return to the same nest. Schnoor always leaves a certain percentage of the bugs at the nest when he gathers them to form a nucleus for future harvestings. He hasn't definitely ascertained it but he believes some of the beetles he has shipped away have returned to their native place.

Schnoor says he has never observed a natural enemy of the ladybug. It has a bitter taste that safeguards it from birds and fish.

City Councils Meet On Water Problems

Members of the city councils of Nevada City and Grass Valley met in a joint closed session Tuesday evening in the Grass Valley city hall to discuss further the water problems of the Nevada irrigation district.

The board of directors of the irrigation district, in letters to the mayors of the two communities, proposed a new contract to the municipalities.

The mayor announced the roups plan to invite the directors of the district and Forrest Varney, district manager, to a meeting at which it is hoped the entire problem will be solved.

Dr. Mullis Shows Pictures to Lions

The Nevada City Lions club held it regular dinner meeting last night at the Deer Creek inn. Movies were presented by Dr. Walter Mullis, program chairman for the evening. Dr. Cyril Kerrin, president of the club, was in charge.

DIVORCE GRANTED

A final divorce decree was granted in Nevada County superior court yesterday morning to Winifred E. Rader from John Stanley Rader on grounds of cruelty.

CONCERT WILL INTRODUCE TRINITY ORGAN

The Rev. Max L. Christensen, rector of Trinity Episcopal hurch, announced today the wardens and vestry have decided to purchase the new Wurlitzer organ which has been on trial in the church building for some weeks.

The organ, costing over $5,000 is designed for church and concert music and is completely equipped with chimes and echo cabinets in the rear of the church.

John Davis, Trinity organist, states he is impressed with the flexibility, range, and power of the new instrument, and feels it will be a definite musical asset to the community. Davis will extend the use of the console to Reginald Greenbrook on Sunday, March 27, at 7:30 in the evening, for a public recital.

Greenbrook has studied with Cowdry in London and with Wallace Rolls in this country and is now organist at the First Methodist church in San Jose. He conducts his own radio program, "Masterpieces of Organ Music" weekly from San Jose. A man of strong and varied talent, he has written several compositions for the organ himself, and will publish his book this year: "The Organ, the Musician, and Church Musc".

The program for the evening has been chosen with a view toward demonstrating the unusual flexibiltiy of the organ. The program will include both religious and secular music as follows:

Chorale on the hymn tune "St. Flavian", Seth Bingham; "Legende", Robert Bedell; foccata and Fuge in D minor, Bach; Chorale, "The Sheep May Safely Graze", Bach; Fourth Organ Concerto, Handel; Ballade, Joseph Clokey; The Kettle Boils, Clokey; Grandmother Knitting, Clokey; Communion, Richard Purvis (Grace cathedral organist); Sarabande, Teleman, arranged by Ludwig Altman.

At the close of the recital Greenbrook will present an improvisation on a theme submitted by a local composer. There will be a voluntary silver offering.

SHRINE CLUB MEETS HERE SATURDAY FOR LADIES NIGHT FETE

A ladies' night dinner will be held by the Gold Unit Shrine club of Ben Ali temple, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Deer Creek inn in Nevada City. The affair will be the final ladies night party for the outgoing officers.

The Gold Unit club is composed of Shriners residing in Nevada City, Grass Valley, Colfax and the Dutch Flat-Alta area. During the past year a ten per cent gain in membership has been made by the unit with a 65 per cent attendance present at all functions.

The highlight of the past year was the presentation of the Ben Ali temple band and chanters in a concert held in the Grass Valley veterans memorial hall.

Officers for the coming year are to be elected at a meeting to be held in Colfax in April.

Present officers of the Gold Unit are Lou Kopp of Nevada City, president and C. B. Grenfall of Grass Valley, secretary.

All nobles and their ladies are cordially invited to attend Saturday night's dinner.

To facilitate final plans and arrangements, members who have not indicated intentions to attend the affair are asked to contact Bob Jefford and C. B. Grenfell of Grass Valley, or Gus Dimmen and R. J. Berggren of Nevada City.

CITY OPERATES $3,228.41 IN RED FEBRUARY

The city government of Nevada City operated $3,228.41 in he red in the month of February, according to the report of the city treasurer, issued this past week.. Receipts totaled $2,575.39 against $5,803.80 disbursements. Balance in the city treasury at month's end had dropped to $21,991.41.

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury	$25,219.82
Water collections	1,679.45
Personal taxes	30.24
Meter collections	307.35
Business licenses	115.00
Building permits	2.00
Fines	103.50
Tel calls, meals	3.85
Paving, rent of airport	115.00
Birth certificates	15.00
Rent of city trucks	129.00
Sales of Horses	50.00
Rent	25.00
Total	$27,795.21

DISBURSEMENTS

General fund	$5,465.62
Fire fund	78.35
Library fund	259.83
Total	$5,803.80

Balance in Treasury $21,991.41

Balances in funds: fire, $1,295.03; library, $3,134.34; general, $17,562.04.

BILLS

Meals: Fred Brown, $12.00; Neva Curry, $22.60. Labor: Gale Clark, $4.50; Nick Sandow, $194.00; William M. Hallett, $293.00; D. F. Kirkham, $271.00; Leroy Hoskins, $132.00; Ted Sigourney, $302.00; Ernest Young, $118.00; Dick James, $119.00; Noel Weldon, $8.00.

Cash advanced: Geo. H. Calanan, $382.95. Police: Wm. Shipley, $96.00. Legal Notice: Nevada City Nugget, $7.50. Supplies: Miners Foundry, $55.50; Nevada City Radio Electric, $12.50; Alpha Hardware Co., $58.12; Marvin Haddy, $11.84; E. L. Holbrook, $31.51; Western Auto Supply, $15.06; Nevada City Feed and Fuel, $28.05; Headley's Garage, $74.30; Richfield Service Station, $4.41; Plaza Tire Shop, $7.00; Plaza Grocery, $7.40; Steger Automotive Supply, $115.18; Leo Angelini, $275.00.

Insurance: Tamblyn's Insurance Agency, $110.83. Gas: Standard Oil Co., $58.14; Associated Oil Co., $156.70; Shell Oil Co., $7.40. Power: P.G.&.E., $348.42. Hauling snow: Bevard & Sons, $55.54; E. F. Stanford, $54.00; Twin City Gravel, $184.00. Water: Nevada Irrigation District, $424.45. Radio: Chas. Halstead, $12.50. Phones: Pacific Tel. & Tel., $27.35.

Plant Mix: Rice Bros, $202.46. Truck chains: A. W. Davis, $97.37. Paint: Hansen's Paint Store, $17.92. Petty Cash: Sam Hooper, $73.76. Repairs to vehicles: Joe's Shop, $40.75; Boston Ravine Service Station, $1.50. Printing: Nevada City News, $58.94.

Andrew Bryne Dies In Bay Area City

Word has ben received here of the death of Andrew M. Byrne, former resident of Nevada City who has lived in Berkeley for the past two years.

Bryne, who served as superintendent of road construction in this area, moved to the bay city with his wife two years ago where he was employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The couple was well known and had many friends here.

Spring Creek Lumber Company Reorganized

The Spring Creek lumber company has undergone reorganization this week and in the future will operate as a partnership instead of a corporation.

The company is engaged in cutting and hauling logs in the North Columbia area.

The partners are Fred R. Johnson and Robert Robinson.

High School P-TA Food Sale Saturday

A food sale will be held Saturday in front of the Alpha Hardware Co. store on Broad street, by the Parent-Teachers association of Nevada City high school.

Mrs. Hazel Estes, president of the organization, is in charge of the sale.

LT. ED SANDIN RATED HIGH IN ARMY SERVICE

First Lieutenant Edward E. Sandin, Nevada City, has been appointed operations officer of the First Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo, a unit comprised of B29 superfortresses doing world-wide photographic mapping, charting and reconnaissance. The announcement came this week from headquarters of the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing of the U. S. Air Forces at Topeka air force base, Topeka, Kans.

Ed Sandin is now rated one of the air force's most experienced pilots, having totaled more than ten thousand flying hours to his credit, a seldom equalled record for his 34 years.

His is the story of aviation from the time Lindbergh flew the Atlantic, but unlike many other well known flyers of that era, he has kept flying and avoided the offers that may have led to fame and wealth. His creed has always been the only good pilot is the one who flies.

Now he is just a first lieutenant with a lot of flying hours. But he enjoys a quiet reknown that commands a deep respect for a genial, big, smiling pilot who has never outgrown his old friends, either in stature or position. A command on the ground requires a shining desk, a command of the air only a humble cockpit. Ed has always insisted upon the latter.

His name mentioned in highest echelons of the air force would receive instant recognition. He is well remembered in northern California.

He would still be known to the fellow barn-storming pilots of the early 30's who have since climbed the ladder of fame. He is well remembered by the mechanics, the grease monkeys, and the greying pilots who preferred and never deserted the sky road, those men who in the final analysis are the real pioneers of the flying world.

Born in Vancouver, Canada, in 1914, the son of Scandinavian immigrants, he arrived when flying was still an experiment and when the Mitchells and Rickenbackers were leaving the footprints he was soon to follow.

A short time later his family moved to Sacramento and then settled in Nevada City where they still reside.

The incident of his birth in Canada was to later humble his career in the air force when a direct captain's commission was offered him only to be retracted when his "foreign" birth was noted.

His early youth was the vicarious existence of a would-be pilot. At 16, oversized for a lad of that age, he lied about his age and succeded in taking flying lessons.

In 1931 he received a commercial license from James Paynton, who since served as a colonel with the air force. From that day on, flying has been his sole occupation. He immediately took a job flying chartered passenger planes, doing exhibition flying for air shows, flying for the short lived Maddox airlines, carrying mail, and in his spare time instructing men many years his senior the art of flying.

Long since obscured in the dark ages of flight history, the Jennys, Hisso Travelers, Ox Swallows, Ford Tri-Motors, and Atlantic Skyrockets were his link, primary, basic, and advanced trainers.

In 1933, at the age of 19, he started his first business venture, the Sandin flying school, in Nevada City. A success, it continued until shortly before the war. He was appointed manager of the local municipal airport, and did odd contract jobs such as sowing rice.

With war clouds threatening and by now an experienced veteran in the flying game, Ed Sandin was offered the position of wing commander of flying training at the Visitia Dinuba school of aeronautics at Visalia, which had a contract with the army air forces to teach cadets. Many of the men he is now serving with trained under him at that school.

In 1944, in recognition for his aid to the air corps during the war he was offered a direct captain commission which, as has been mentioned, was reduced to flight officer due to technicali-

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Morris Stolen Car Is Recovered in Capital

The automobile belonging to Mrs. Francis Morris, Grove street, stolen last week, was recovered Saturday in North Sacramento by the police there. Chief of Police Max Solaro, accompanied by Deputy City Clerk Sam Hooper, went to North Sacramento to get the car early Saturday morning.

The Weather

Fred Bush, observer

Thursday, March 17 ..	54	36
Friday, March 18	62	37
Saturday, March 19 ..	60	38
Sunday, March 20	46	36
Monday, March 21	55	36
Tuesday, March 22 ..	53	36
Wednesday, March 23	38	33

Rainfall: March 17, .08; March 18, .37; March 19, .68; March 20, .06; March 21, .12; March 22, .70; total for season, 41.30.

GEORGE HANSEN HEADS ROTARY CLUB PROGRAM

George Hansen will be program chairman for the noon luncheon meeting of Nevada City Rotary club at the Deer Creek Inn today.

Rotarians, meeting at last week's meeting at the Deer Creek Inn heard William Wilson, Grass Valley high school principal, urge America to "plan for the future by practicing conservation."

Carrying the conservation message to the club as part of the state-wide "conservation week," Wilson laid the problem of preserving our natural resources squarely in the lap of every citizen."

Wilson said the government had taken many steps to conserve our natural resources, including timber, water, oil and minerals, but that individual efforts were needed to back up the laws of reclamation, flood control, and management. These, he pointed out, should be considered as personal problems.

"Profit for the present" was the motive of the selfish men who exploited the natural treasures during the early days of westward expansion," the speaker said, adding that personal fortunes were made as they ignored the future.

When lands became "sick" the people moved on to other lands, further exhausting life that grows in it, Wilson pointed out.

Now we must practice strict conservation if we are to continue to enjoy the many luxuries which we have taken from nature.

Program chairman was Ray Spickelmier. President Lloyd Geist was in charge of the meeting.

Geist announced the following program chairmen for the next four months: Today, Bill Berriman; March 31, I. C. Bell; April, George Hansen, Floyd Lefebvre, Carl Foote, and Hobart Snider; May, Frank McGinnis, Ed Clark, Dick Harris and Chester Scheemer; June, Harleth Brock, Bert Foreman, Horace Curnow, Max Christenson and Charles Elliott.

BANNER PARK PETITIONS GO TO CAPITAL

Petitions bearing 5,647 signatures were presented Friday to the state park commission, division of beaches and parks, department of natural resources of the state of California, by Mr. and Mrs. Val Baima, Banner Mt. road, Grass Valley.

The petitions ask for the formation of Banner Mountain Gold park on the mountain of the same name.

Mr. and Mrs. Baima presented the petitions to Governor Earl Warren's office, where they were directed to the department of natural resources, where the petitions were placed in the office of Warren T. Hannum, chief of the department.

KENNETH ADAMS NEW COMMANDER OF VFW

Kenneth Adams, air force veteran, and insurance man in Grass Valley and Nevada City, was elected commander of Banner Mountain post 2655, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting in Nevada City Monday night.

The announcement was made by Harleth Brock, retiring post commander who has served the past year as head of the organization.

Other officers elected are: Olaf Bjorstal, Nevada City, senior vice commander; John T. Traunter, Grass Valley, junior vice commander; Louis J. Graff, Grass Valley, chaplain; Wallace Reid, Grass Valley, qurtermaster; Al Wharff, Nevada City, three-year trustee; and Brock of Nevada City, judge advocate.

The new post commander is active in civic and social affairs of the twin cities, holding memberships in the Nevada City Rotary club and the Grass Valley Elks. He is a representative of the Mutual life insurance company.

Ever Increasing!

TAXES

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By H. F. "Si" Sofge

The present legislature has before it many bills that are of vital importance to the retail merchant, be he small or large in a business sense. The following bills have been introduced during the session and are now in committee—They are interesting reading:

Taxation: Several types of new taxes have been suggested for the purpose of raising additional revenue. Other new taxes, ome of which have been endorsed by the governor but to which there is considerable opposition, include the following:

Cigarette Tax—Eight bills have been introduced which would impose a tax on cigarettes, the rate of tax ranging from one cent on each four cigarettes, 15 per cent of retail price, one cent for each ten cigarettes, one and one-half cents for each ten cigarettes or three cents for each 20 cigarettes, to a floor tax (as of Oct. 1, 1949) of one mill for each cigarette weighing not more than three pounds per 1,000, or two mills for each cigarette weighing over three pounds per 1,000—these same rates to apply for the privilege of distributing cigarettes after the date of Oct. 1, 1949. There are two general plans for the collection of the tax—it is not necessary to enter into details at the present time.

Cigar Tax—Senate bill 891 would impose a tax on cigars, smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco at the rate of one cent for each cigar and 20 cents for each pound of smoking or chewing tobacco. Proceeds collected under this bill would be paid to the California asademies fund.

Gross Inoome Tax—Assembly bill 2979, would direct the state board of equalization to collect a gross income tax of ¼ of one per cent, but the board is directed to raise or lower the tax rate monthly so the collections will approximate $12,500,000 monthly. Exempts non-profit organizations, the first sale of farm products and income up to $250 per month.

Checks—Assembly bill 1520 would impose a tax of 1-10th of a cent on all checks, said tax to be collected for the state through the banks, the charge to be against the account of the depositor.

Theater Tickets — AB 3074 would impose a tax of five cents on theater tickets all proceeds to be paid into the general fund of the state.

Sales Tax—Several bills provide for increasing the rate of the sales tax and use tax over the present two and one-half per cent. Some of the bills provide for a three per cent rate, some for a three and one-half per cent rate and some for a four per cent rate. Several senate bills would repeal all sections which contain exemptions to the sales and use tax act. This would make food subject to the tax.

City or County Sales Tax—ACA 47 would amend the section of the constitution on liquor control to provide that nothing contained therein would prevent imposition by a city or county of sales or use taxes at the same rates and in the same manner as such taxes are imposed on other personal property within such city or county. Also, ACA 31 would prohibit cities or counties from imposing such tax while a similar tax is being imposed by the state. This would prevent city and county sales taxes and probably certain types of occasional taxes.

Retail Stock-in-Trade — SB 1200 provides in assessing of retail stock-in-trade, its value is not to be computed merely as of the lien date of the first Monday of March and on the first day of the preceding December, September and July, and dividing the sum by four, thus treating the assessment of such goods differently from other personal property which is assessed as of the first Monday in March.

Taxing by Cities and Counties—SB 1202 would allow the counties to levy private license taxes for revenue as well as for regulation.

Holidays—AB 334 would add Aug. 14 (V-J day) to the list of days declared to be legal holidays in California. AB 364 extends the circumstances under which Monday shall be a legal holiday. At present, if New Year's day, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Independence day, Admission day, Columbus day or Christmas fall on Sunday, Monday is a holiday. This bill would give the same effect if any of these holidays fell on a Saturday or Sunday. In addition the bill adds

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GOLD IS GOLD

We admit the forlorn hope of the present congress placing gold at free trade on the wold market, but we wholeheartedly agree with Neil O'Donnell of the Idaho-Maryland mines corporation in his refutation of the charges of Dr. Walter Spahr.

Spahr condemns the gold mining industry for asking for an increase in the price of gold, establishment of a free gold market, and a subsidy of the industry.

As we always have, we advocate the establishment of a free gold market. The free market would increase the price of gold—there could be no other result. And a free gold market would nullify any necessity of subsidy. What rugged individualist, such as gold miners usually are, would look to the government for subsidy, or handout, or whatever else it may be called?

There is only one alternative to a free gold market for productive activity in the gold mines—a return to the wage and tax structure of two or three decades ago. The wages might go down, but the possibility of taxes going down is ridiculous—there are too many drones fattening in the government structure. (How many persons remember the half-cent per gallon federal gas tax that was passed in 1933 and was to only remain during the immedate crisis?—my, what a long "immediate" crisis that has stretched into.)

The repercussions and upheavals of a return to the economic structure of the 30's are shuddering to think about.

We recommend your reading of the O'Donnell article in another column of this edition.

A THOUGHT FOR A NEW INDUSTRY

H. C. Perrin has recently started a small mail order business in Nevada City. It is a small business at present but has the potentialities of developing into a medium large business or into whatever volume of business the mail order field will permit.

The mail order business is a large business and covers a multitude of products. It could be developed into a number of small businesses that collectively would add greatly to the economy of Nevada City. It is one business that can often be entered with a small amount of capital.

MORE ALL THE TIME

It was 36 years ago that the first filling station was erected in this country. The man who, in 1913, set up the first one, in an Ohio city, has been claimed by death. In the early years of autos he used a horse drawn oil-wagon for his delivery route, bringing gasoline to the few users. He gets an idea of bringing the auto to the station and so begins the large chain of filling stations. As the Ohio State Journal put it, in writing of the passing of Harvey Wickliff, he "set off one of the biggest chain reactions in business history." This institution is a necessity now and as some stations pass, more come to take their place in every nook and cranny across our land.

If the proposed "free" medical care bill now before congress passes, nine billion dollars will be taken out of the earnings of workers of this country to pay "compulsory health insurance." If it passes a liberal slice of it should be spent for an inquiry into the sanity of those who still seem to think that there is such a thing as something for nothing.

A thought from one of the greatest Americans who ever lived: Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is the history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of government power, not the increase of it. The author's name appears on page six.

Who called them the poor Indians? Did they have taxes, debts, leeches and the other "blessings" of civilization? And, come to think of it, the women did all the work.

If you would be happy . . . live all you can each day, learn a little and care a lot.

TAILINGS

By Jim Towne

SPRING—It appeared in our garden two weeks before its official arrival. As the snow disappeared, there to greet the eyes, were patches of violets in full bloom, budded jonquils, China lilies and crocus. The latter are now in blossom. Nature has a way of protecting her own. Where deep snow covered the forest floor and the meadows in a few weeks there will be carpets of wildflowers. The severe winter forgotten, to be remembered only as a comparison for winters to come.

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HATS—Spring also arrived unofficially, the other afternoon, in the S. F. to Auburn bus. It came in the guise of a cartwheel hat. New and very good looking but so out of place on a crowded bus. We wonder why women wear such hat when traveling. Is it vanity or poor judgment?

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DEALERS—Recently a veteran lawmaker of Nevada State introduced a bill to outlaw women dealers in gambling clubs. According to the press, under Carson City date line, a woman representing the Business and Professional Women's Club talked it down. The lawmaker gave up and withdrew his bill. We wonder, is a lady dealer a business woman or a professional one? And what is the classification of a male dealer? Poor guy.

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INFLUENCE—We were talking about a coming wedding and said to our friend, who is a marvelous cook, "Guess your son will be walking out on you, one of these days." She replied, "Oh, I'm expecting it. He's in his last year of college and is keeping company with an instructor in home economics, and if the marriage goes through he'll learn to eat canned tuna and like it!" No one knows better than a mother how amazing is the reaction to certain influences. Little Johnnie won't eat his mush at home but will go next door and eat his serving with relish.

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LONGFELLOW—A professor of modern languages and literature in Harvard College who became one of our outstanding poets, died on March 24, 67 years ago. He was as American as the colonial house in which he lived for the greater part of his life, at Cambridge, Mass. It had been the headquarters of Washington during the siege of Boston. He has left us a heritage to be regarded as precious as the one left to us by Washington.

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Ah me! what wonder-working, occult science
Can from the ashes in our hearts once more
The Rose of youth restore?
H. W. Longfellow.

Happy are the people whose God is All-in-all, who ask only to be judged according to their works, who live to love.
—Mary Baker Eddy

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure; but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

Just Wonderin'

I Wonder now that spring is here,
With fragrant flowers in her hair,
If all the world will feel her touch,
And life again be bright and fair.

Spring "makes a differ" whenever she comes to any land; the winds are softer, the sun warmer, green grass mantles the landscapes, flowers bloom and birds sing. Can it be that human hearts the world over will feel the touch of spring and throw aside their winter garments of intolerance, spite, hatred and all the other unlovely traits which, in these modern days, beset us all.

In view of the prevailing confusion, the doubts and fears, the lack of harmony, abroad and at home, should we not pray for the transforming spirit of spring to lead us into the paths of reason and understanding?

Sometimes I think that in keeping one eye on Russia and the other on our own domestic difficulties we fail to discern the unfavorable aspects of our democracy. What ails Uncle Sam and how can his maladies be cured?

How can we, the people, escape the dictatorship of John Lewis? How can we abolish the infantile filibuster? The times are surely out of joint and no nation has a monopoly of the unjointing.

The world looks in vain for great leadership; there are no men in evidence who match our mountains; we have in our midst the poisonous serpents of intolerance, racial prejudice, the denial of inherent rights to groups of our citizens and we hear—the only thing we do not hear, is a voice, loud, strong and fearless telling us of our deficiencies and guiding us to better pathways of cooperation, and understanding.

Lines written by the poet Swinburne come to mind—

"The rocks are left when he sweeps the plain.
The grass that quivers, the reeds wind shaken, these remain."

Indeed, the earth has been swept by the besom of destruction; can it be that with the wealth of beauty, good fellowship and stability lost in the latest holocaust, great minds were lost to the world which at this time so sorely needs them?

With all that is at stake at home and abroad, does it not seem a bit incongruous to see a group of senators, elected by the people to carry on the affairs of state, playing fantastic tricks before high heaven? If we had need of court jesters we should not have far to go to find them.

If the United States of America is a democracy, why do we endure the dictatorship of one man, who has gained the power to control our lives and dominate our domestic affairs?

If we are a Christian nation, why is there so much racial discrimintion in evidence, and why are thousands of our citizens denied the inherent rights guaranteed them by the constitution?

Our senators and public leaders canot all be classed as "grass that quivers and reeds wind shaken", there must be great men somewhere. Perhaps they will come out of hiding with the flowers that bloom in the spring, and it is to be hoped that they will make good use of their brains, their hearts and their voices.

—Adeline Merriam Conner

Let a smile do the service of a sermon.
—Louis Ansacher

Veterans' News

Thousands of veterans training under the GI bill did not receive subsistence checks on time last month because they failed to notify veterans administration of a change in their address.

Since the post office department cannot deliver a government check to addresses not occupied by veteran payees, VA is urging all veterans receiving monthly checks from VA to report promptly all address changes.

An undelivered check is returned to the treasury department disbursing office. This office notifies VA and the records are reviewed to determine whether the check actually was sent to the address furnished by the veteran. If the address used was the latest furnished, VA holds the check until it hears from the veteran.

VA realizes that prompt delivery of these checks is important to each veteran concerned. So the importance of the veteran cooperating by giving prompt notification of address changes cannot overemphasized.

Question: As the widow of a World War I veteran, I desire to file my application for a widow's pension. Must I file it in the city where my late husband died?

Answer: No. The application may be filed at your nearest regional office of veterans administration, or may be mailed to the dependents claims service in VA's central office in Washington.

Question: I am a World War I veteran and was married in 1947. Will my wife be entitled to a pension at my death?

Answer: No. The law provides that the widow of a World War I veteran may be paid a pension only if married to the veteran before Dec. 15, 1944.

Question: I hope to take on-the-job training under the GI bill and would like to know the amount of subsistence paid by VA and the maximum amount I will be permitted to earn in order get full subsistence.

Answer: If you are single with no dependents, you will receive a subsistence of $65 a month, or $90 a month if you have one or more dependents, provided your income from productive labor is not over $145 a month if you have no dependents; $180 a month if you have no dependents; $190 a motnh if you have one dependent; or $200 a month if you have more than one dependent.

Washington Notes

By Congressman Clair Engle

AGRICULTURE FUNDS RUNNING LOW

Representatives of California agriculture are very much concerned with the prospect for the coming year. The present indication of an extraordinarily heavy planting of so-called basic crops to get in on what may be the last year of price support at 90 per cent of parity may exhaust the appropriations available to the department of agriculture. Under present law the mandatory 90 per cent price support for wheat, cotton, tobacco, corn, rice, peanuts, etc. expires this year. Most California crops, especially fruits raised in my district, do not come under the mandatory price supports but are supported on a discretionary basis by the secretary of agriculture insofar as funds may be available.

Representatives of California horticulture are afraid that the basic and mandatory crops will use up all the money and there will not be enough left to enable the department of agriculture to lend the assistance which it has in the past two years to prunes, pears and other California fruit crops. It will be remembered that in 1947 the department of agriculture bought over 120,000 tons of our dried prune surplus. From a lighter 1948 crop with no carryover, the department purchasing aggregates 63,000 tons to date and further purchases are in the offing. Many a prune grower was kept out of the red ink by this government purchase program. An effort is being made to secure a supplemental appropriation to guard against the lack of funds to carry on the program in this coming year. And, in the meantime, California agricultural interests are thinking seriously in terms of federal legislation which will guarantee federal support on at least a modest basis along the same line now granted to the so-called basic commodities.

OPPOSE BOYD

Confirmation of Boyd as the new director of mines has met with the strenuous opposition of John L. Lewis. In any event, Lewis has used the Boyd appointment as an excuse for calling a strike which may really have as its purpose reducing the coal supplies above ground in order to put him in a better position when renegotiating his contract with the coal operators. It is not believed here that Lewis' opposition will be any serious impediment to Boyd's confirmation. In fact, it is felt in some quarters that Lewis is the best help Boyd has.

However, some of the mining associations in the west, particularly those representing the small operators, are getting nervous over Boyd's appointment. The interior department, under which the bureau of mines operates, has not shown itself very friendly to the small operators in connection with the pending legislation for incentive payments for the production of strategic and critical minerals and metals, and the pending legislation for assisting mining exploration. Probably this opposition will not crystallize before Boyd's appointment, but, should his appointment be delayed, the combined opposition of the small miners and John L. Lewis might seriously jeopardize his confirmation.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
No. J-122

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

JUVENILE

In the Matter of SHARON LOLEEN HEATH, A Person Under the Age of Twenty-one Years, who should be declared free from the custody and control of her parents.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

TO ORLIN HEATH and MARION ELIZABETH VAN HOUTE, the mother and father of the above named person, and to all persons claiming to be the mother and/or father of such person, who is a child of the age of three years and eighteen days, and is subject to the provisions of section 701 of the Welfare and Institutions Code of California.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY CITED to be and appear in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, at the courtroom thereof, in the Court House in Nevada City, California, on the 6th day of May, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any you have, why SHARON LOLEENE HEATH should not be by this court declared free from the custody and control of ourselves, her father and mother, and for failure to attend as hereinabove required, you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, this 3rd day of March, 1949.

R. E. DEEBLE, Clerk
By RUSSELL WILSON
Deputy

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GOLD DIGGER'S TRAIL

Charles Scott Haley

The tenth of November was Nox's birthday, and my own was the eighth. We had just one quart of good Scotch left, so on the night of the ninth we solemnly drank one another's health until the quart was gone. Augustin and Ruperto, who had become quite expert under our tuition in preparing United States food, cooked us up a heaping plate of corned beef hash and made some biscuits in our reflector oven, so we had a very nice celebration. It was evident by that time that the gravels were not sufficiently gold bearing to be commercial in grade, in spite of enthusiastic reports which we had had, so we began to pack our stuff for the trip down river. We sent to Castillo for a couple of extra canoes, and one fine morning, the river being high with rains from the night before, we started back for Buena Vista. Going down stream was easy, as all our boatmen had to do was paddle in the swift current. I sat is the stern and took bearings from bend to bend, so as to map the course of the river later, and was surprised to find that we were back on the Madalena before eleven o'clock.

We waited a day or two at Buena Vista until the upriver boat could arrive to take us to Honda, just below the rapids. Here we transferred to the railroad which took us around to Mariquita. This was a quiet little town with a few whites living in it. One couple—reported to be Italians of royal blood by the left hand—were living in style without visible means of support, and invited us to dinner one night. They served us a wonderful meal, and then invited us into their place of business, whose principal office machinery was a roulette wheel. As all sorts of drinks were served continuously, the wheel was made to do its duty, it soon became very evident why our hosts were as the lilies of the field.

I met another lean Irish-American by the name of Fitzpatrick—or that was the name he gave. He had little to say and lots to drink, but the story our hosts gave us was that he had recently completed a very successful mining operation in Colon, and was temporarily retired. The operation consisted in running a tunnel across the street from a house he had rented, under one of the local banks. At the proper time, one night, he came up and put the bank into receivership.

Two young engineers from the States arrived at Mariquita with a power shovel that they had brought all the way from Panama, at considerable expense. Fitzpatrick had discovered some placed out about forty miles from Mariquita and persuaded them to put their savings in and buy the shovel to work it. As they had to dig their own road some fifty miles to get to it, it was bound to be some time before they could find out whether they were to find mine or only another fairy-tale, as they had evidently done no prospecting before bringing their equipment with them. I pointed out to one of them that it might have been wiser to check on the property first, but he was evidently persuaded that if the gold was not there, he could always sell the shovel for what he paid for it. My own opinion is that he would probably have to give it away rather than freight it out again; but I never did find what happened to them eventually.

In a few days we went out with a new crew to examine an ancient gold quartz property near Mariquita which Kunhardt had placed on our list.

The property was an "antiqua" (ancient mine), which had a large dump of supposedly high grade ore on it. The orginal tunnel was long since caved and the dump was overgrown with trees and bushes. The first job was to sample the dump and from it determine whether it was worth while re-opening the tunnel.

Just as we had engaged our crew, and were ready to start out, who should show up but our old friend, Jesus Naba, informing us that he had come up to work for us. As this meant that he had spent several days in beating his way up via boat and railroad, he immmediately got a job, as he was a good worker. Also, he immediately assumed his former attitude of being foreman.

For two days our crew attacked the brush and trees on the dump with fervor. The morning of the third day, I was sitting on a stump overlooking the work when I happened to glance down and saw a very beautiful colored snake lying across the instep of my boot. I thought nothing of it until Naba spotted it.. Immediately he charged down, yelling to me to kill it, as it was a "coralito", whose bite means instant death.

As my crew were all working barefoot, without even sandals, from that time on they laid off on work—they were not having any snakes, it seemed. However, the job was almost done, and I started them on the cleared portion, making deep sample cuts. When the cuts were deep enough, I sampled them carefully, and had them run in an American assayer's office in Mariquita—and again we decided that we knew all we wanted about this particular property, and that it was not worth while to go farther.

Our next step was to take a river boat again up the Magdalena to Girardot. This is quite an important trading city, as from it runs the railroad to Bogota, the capital of the country. The railroad itself, as it climbs some twelve thousand feet, is a very interesting piece of engineering, and Bogota is a most interesting city dating from Spanish colonial times. But we were supposed to go across country from here to the upper reaches of Soldano, which is one of the headwaters of the Magdalena, to prospect some more supposedly commercial placers on its upper portion.

(to be continued)

Narrow Gauge Was Epic of Community Endeavor

Local Capital In 70's Starts Gold Railway

The following article, compiled and edited by the Southern Pacific Bureau of News, by Richard Houghton, is reprinted from the Colfax Record. The Narrow Gauge, one of California's most picturesque short line railroads, was known all over the U. S. by the title bestowed upon it by its exasperated (at times) passengers: the Never Come, Never Go Railroad, but in its day it probably hauled more gold than any other railroad in the U. S., and bowed only to the more versatile truck.

Within a radius of 25 miles in Nevada and Placer counties of California in the 1850s four great developments—beginning with sluice mining—revolutionized gold mining. In the resultant boom the Nevada County Narrow Gauge railroad was born and flourished. It has since passed into history, its entire career within the memory of men living today. One of the high trestles still spans the main highway a few miles east of Colfax, symbol of the days when the little wood burners scurried through the mountains like rabbits with their tails afire.

In June, 1850, gold in quartz was discovered on Gold Hill Ledge at Grass Valley by Henry Myer who, it is said, noticed the glitter when he accidently kicked the ore. A rich vein on the same hill was found in November, and crude instruments were used to crush the rock until January, 1851, when the first quartz mill was erected on Wolf's creek in Boston ravine at the foot of Gold Hill Lodge. Three years later at Coyoteville, near Nevada City, a miner named E. E. Matheson experimented with a canvas hose and canvas nozzle, and found that with this hydraulic mining outfit he could do the work of several men. Thus was the fourth development— hydraulic mining—originated.

From the early days of the resultant boom the need for better transportation was felt. The stage line operated through the mining towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City along roads that were quagmires in winter, and it required days to haul freight and supplies to the booming gold mines.

For a time there was hope that the Central Pacific, which was expanding from its small beginning in Sacramento, would pass through Grass Valley and Nevada City. However, with the selection of the Donner summit route by Central Pacific (now Southern Pacific) these mining centers realized they must look to their own resources for rail connections. Idea of a horse-railroad to Colfax was carried to the state legislature, but a franchise was refused, and Nevada City and Grass Valley watched with regret as the Central Pacific climbed eastward on the other side of Bear river. With each echoing scream of the wood-burning locomotives across the Bear and the Greenhorn, the longing of these towns for rail conections intensified.

The matter was finally brought to a head by the Coleman brothers, who had a tract of timber land they wanted to make accessible. At a town meeting in Nevada City, Jan. 27, 1874, a committee of 20 citizens, ten from Nevada City and ten from Grass Valley, was named to organize a railroad. Grass Valley was represented on the committee by Edward Coleman, William Watt, Reuben Leach, M. P. O'Connor, J. C. Coleman, A. Delano, A. B. Dibble, Samuel Granger, F. G. Beatty and J. M. Lakenan. From Nevada City were George F. Jacobs, Niles Searls, R. M. Hunt, Chas. Marsh, R. W. Tully, N. P. Brown, T. W. Sigourney, G. W. Smith, M. L. Marsh, J. H. Helm. One of the leading spirits for the railroad was Judge O. P. Stidger, at that time editor of the Nevada City Transcript.

More than 125 persons subscribed sums ranging from $100 to $1500. More than $150,000 was pledged in the two towns.

At the instance of Senator O'Connor of Nevada county a special railroad bill was drafted and by March 12, 1874, it had been approved by both houses of the legislature and signed by Governor Booth. Application was made to the government for the customary land grants and bond subsidies of those times. The right-of-way was granted, but instead of a subsidy the road was given irrevocable right to charge a fare of ten cents per passenger-mile and to assess minimum freight rates.

On April 4, 1874, a company with $400,000 capital stock was incorporated, with John C. Coleman as president. In December a contract was let to M. F. Beatty, who in turn sublet the contract to Tuston and Knox to build the line.

After construction started out of Colfax in February, 1875, there were many pessimists who laid wagers the track would never reach Grass Valley, but the work was pushed so well, in all seasons and weather, that eleven months later construction trains reached the Grass Valley depot site. However, the track still needed improving, and the first Bear river bridge was much lower and less imposing than the later 200-foot-high span.

The first regular train from Colfax reached Grass Valley on April 17, 1876, after large crowds had greeted it at stations all along the way.

On May 10 the "golden spike" was driven at Nevada City, but it was not until May 20 that the old cannon was dragged from the summit of Sugar Loaf at Nevada City through a tumultous crowd to greet the first work train. Behind the cannon marched a colorful procession headed by a military band. As the parade halted a shout arose, hats sailed in the air and all eyes turned down the valley. There, belching smoke, came Engine No. 1. It screeched to a grinding halt, the cannon roared and Judge Searles mounted to the pilot to deliver the address of welcome to the iron horse which had come at last to the hills of gold. Two days later regular train service was established.

As soon as the railroad went into operation freight rates dropped from staggering sums touching $200 a ton to less than $2 a ton. The railroad prospered from the start, although travelers sometimes paid as much to ride from Colfax to Nevada City as they did to make the trip from San Francisco to Sacramento. For several weeks after the opening of the line excursion trains, packed with passengers, were run on the slightest pretext. It was described as "The railroad that is paved with gold," for the tailings from the gold quartz mines were used in the construction of the roadbed and on a rainy day the pyrite may still be seen gleaming with its brilliant metallic luster. It is said that in the early days of the railroad considerable trouble was experienced in keeping the miners from sluicing out the roadbed.

The locomotives were 4-4-0s, "American type" built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, three-foot gauge. They served as wood burners for years, but after the turn of the century were converted to burn oil. Their work began to slack off when with the decline in mining and the increase in highways and automobiles the railroad lost business, despite the increasing amount of agriculture in the area. In 1913 the Sacramento Northern took over and operated the narrow gauge line, fighting the growing competition of trucks and buses. Thirteen years later, with revenue far below the cost of maintenance and operation, the owners of the railroad applied to the California railroad commission for permission to abandon the line and on April 16, 1926, the commission granted the request.

No sooner did Grass Valley and Nevada City learn about the impending abandonment than a public indignation meeting was called. In a few minutes the citizens had agreed to give 100 per cent patronage to the railroad. Not only that, but they secured control of the road by pledging enough money to purchase all the outstanding first and second mortgage bonds and to refinance the entire structure. The commission vacated the abandonment order.

To place the railroad on a firm financial business the trustees of the two issues of mortgage bonds petitioned for a receiver, and in March, 1927, Judge Raglan Tuttle of Nevada City appointed as receiver George H. Calanan of Nevada City, one of the group who helped preserve the railroad. J. E. Taylor, a Grass Valley insurance man, was named president; Fred F. Cassidy hardware merchant of Nevada City, vice-president; James C. Tyrrell, postmaster of Grass Valley, secretry; A. H. Moosher, vice-president of the Nevada County Bank of Grass Valley, treasurer.

The officers of this unusual railroad served without pay. They also spent their spare moments down in the railroad yards unloading freight and assisting in other ways. None of them had any previous experience in railroading. The Southern Pacific went to their assistance, sending operating and traffic experts to confer with the officers of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge and advise them.

Locomotives 1 and 2 were still serving nobly in the 1930s, along with other pioneers who had been with the railroad since its first days. The three round trips daily were maintained, and the picturesque road continued to be a favorite with rail fans, because it was a series of almost continuous curves, steep grades, high bridges and charming scenery.

Leaving Colfax it descended at the rate of 121 feet to the mile toward Cape Horn and passed under the high bridge of the Southern Pacific at Long Ravine. Following the Bear river it soon reached a point 346 feet below Colfax and passed over a modern steel trestle 97 feet high and 750 feet long, replacing the Howe truss bridge of wood that burned down in 1930. From there the track followed Greenhorn creek a short distance, then left the creek and its deep chasm, losing sight of them for three miles before returning to a point only 1500 feet away from where they were lost sight of. After gaining elevation by this curving, the route wound over the mountain ridges to an altitude of 2,851 feet, and then descended into Grass Valley on a grade 121 feet to the mile.

At Grass Valley were the main office, shops and engine house of the railroad. From Grass Valley the line passed through the heart of the Mother Lode country, with its now deserted placer diggings and other gold mines, to the depot near Deer creek at Nevada City, end of the line.

Civic pride and loyalty were not enough to keep the railroad running in face of deficits. In 1942 the California railroad commission again authorized abandonment.

J. E. Taylor was still president, and some others including Tyrrell, Cassidy and Calanan who had helped save the railroad 15 years earlier were still serving as officials with him. There were also new names on the board of directors—William V. Tamblyn and R. M. Geronimi.

Equipment owned at the time of abandonment included two locomotives, 55 freight cars and two service cars. The locomotives went to Hawaii. Cars went to such widely separated places as Alaska and Africa. The rail—20.65 miles of main line, and 4.18 miles of siding, weighing 35, 50 and 60 pounds per yard, went into scrap, presumably to fight the Japanese.

The forest began to close in, although it has not yet erased all the marks of the ties in the roadbed that winds through the mountains. The high steel trestle may stand until it rusts away. Passengers on Southern Pacific trains can look down as they cross the Long Ravine trestle between Colfax and Cape Horn and see directly under them the grade along which No. 1 and No. 2 used to puff, pulling their cars with link and pin couplers, lighted wtih coal oil lights and loaded with miners and gold. The Nevada County Narrow Gauge undoubtedly carried more gold per mile than any other railroad in the world—an estimated $300,000,000 of the precious metal.

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Boron Deficiency In Nevada County Noted

Most fruit trees require a small amount of boron in the soil for normal growth and good yield, but an excess of the element also is detrimental. Most of the boron deficiency has been found in the Sierra Nevada foothills in Nevada, Butte, Placer, El Dorado and Calaveras counties. The symptoms of boron deficiency vary with the fruit varieties, and may result in a decrease in yield, or injury of fruit and twigs.

The soils and irrigation waters in most fruit growing areas of the state contain enough and in some cases too much boron. It is extremely important that boron applications be made only in those areas where the need has been demonstrated. It is advisable to check first with the local farm advisor before starting treatment, as it is much easier to get boron into the soil than to eliminate excess. The only means to get rid of excess boron is to wash it out of the soil with a satisfactory irrigation water. However, this leaching process may take several years and will not be successful unless the soil is sufficiently porous to provide good drainage.

Former School Leader Visits From Portland

Hilmen E. Kjorlie, former district superintendent of Nevada City schools, principal of the local high school, and past-president of Rotary, was in Nevada City with friends during the past wek. Accompanying the former school chief was Mrs. Kjorlie.

Active in civic and school affairs, the couple were widely known in this area.

Mr. Kjorlie is superintendent of a rest home and sanitarium in East Portland, Ore. He was a special guest at Rotary last Thursday.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET IN LOCAL SCHOOL MONDAY APR 4

Plans have been completed for the next Nevada County Historical Society meeting scheduled for Monday evening, April 4 at the Nevada City elementary school auditorium. Mrs. Dorothy Dyke and Mrs. Grace Raymond will present a variety program featuring "California in Song and Dance."

Decoration, music and square dancing will be presented as a tribute to each nationality that contributed to California's glorious past and present.

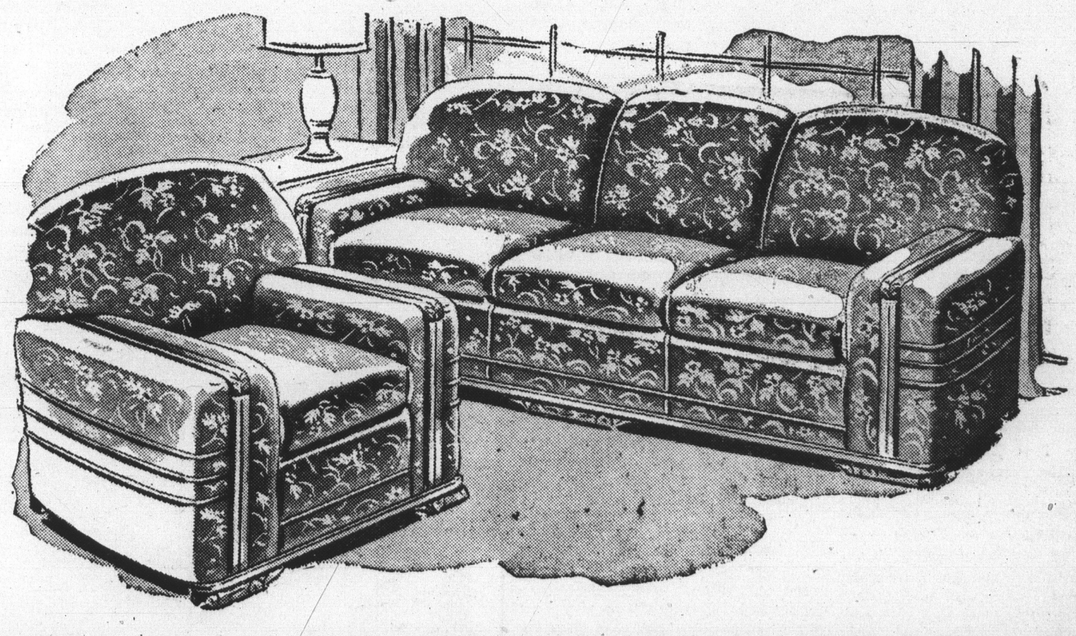
Increased interest in the society has been shown by the last meeting attendance in Grass Valley when the Episcopal parish hall filled to hear Judge James Snell speak on famous Nevada county personages and Guards Ellis address the group on historical aspects of the national forest.

Officers of the club state the policy of alternating meetings between the two towns will be carried out in all programs.

Plans for the spring excursion will be announced by Bob Paine at the April 4 meeting.



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Paper Is Paper And Gold Is Gold

By NEIL O'DONNELL
Executive Vice-President, Idaho Maryland Mines Corporation

On Jan. 20 of this year there appeared in the pages of the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" an article entitled "The Question of a Free Gold Market" by Dr. Walter Spahr, executive vice-president of the economists' national committee on monetary policy. Dr. Spahr has taken the gold mining industry to task for (a) asking for an "increase in the price of gold," (b) asking for the establishment of a free gold market and (c) asking for a subsidy for the gold mining industry. He goes farther when he says:

"Their agitation, consequently is creating a situation which is rapidly becoming a case of the gold mine interests versus the people of the United States." (Quotes are Dr. Spahr's.)

Before continuing further I would like to make the record clear. The gold miners do advocate "an increased price for gold" and they do advocate a free market, but they do not advocate subsidies. They do not believe in subsidies.

The statement that the agitation of the gold miners is developing into a case of the gold miners against the people of the United States is pure balderdash. In the first place these discussions are between people who profess to know something of the matter and for the most part represent personal opinions on what has appeared to be a highly controversial subject. In the second place, the gold miners are willing to concede a voice to anyone who has anything to contribute to such discussions, but they will fight for their right to do the same. In the third place, Dr. Spahr's arguments will not stand up under searching analysis.

The tenor of Dr. Spahr's article leaves one with the impression that he believes statements by the gold miners will lead to a great deal of confused thinking about the relationship between the value of gold and our paper money and that gold miners will use some sinister power to influence people to "raise the price of gold."

First of all, the gold mining industry has no more power to "increase the price of gold" than they do the price of chickpeas and perhaps even less. The forces which determine these variations in price are much stronger than they. In fact, Dr. Spahr makes this quite clear himself and I quote from his article.

"Whenever the fixed link between paper money and gold is broken regardless of whether the link rests upon a direct or indirect process of redeemability the value of the irredeemable paper in terms of gold will decline and the price of gold in terms of paper will rise. This is simply because PAPER IS PAPER and GOLD IS GOLD (the capitals are mine). Under such conditions, the paper money price of gold will be determined by the forces of supply and demand affecting both gold and paper."

I believe the above is a statement with which gold miners and economists would be in full agreement.

Value of Currency Changes, Not Gold

Dr. Spahr advocates the redemption of paper money by gold, one ounce of gold for $35. He is opposed to a "price increase" and he is opposed to a free market. We, the gold miners, believe that some of the most confused thinking is being done by Dr. Spahr and others who advocate such a policy, and I will explain why. These gentlemen start with the wrong premise and that is that the price of gold can be raised or lowered. Gold is a standard against which currencies are measured. Actually, currencies increase or decrease in value, the value of gold does nto change. When Dr. Spahr talks of increasing the price of gold he recognizes not that the gold is worth more, but that the currency is worth less. He says and rightfully, that when a currency is cut loose from gold it drifts to lower and lower levels of value. This has been the experience of centuries.

If one cannot measure the value of currency against gold then how can it be measured? The only measurement left is by the amount of goods it will buy. Today's dollar will buy about one-half of what it would in 1939, so the net result of cutting our dollar free from gold has been to decrease its purchasing power. How and why has the purchasing power of the dollar been decreased? In part by the increasing of wages and in part by the high increase in taxes, both of which are reflected in the selling price of every type of goods and services. Wages were increased as part of a political program and taxes were increased partly because of the war, partly because of a political program and partly because of changing world conditions. The paper dollar has no value in itself, its sole value is in what it will buy, and today it will buy only 50 cents (in gold) worth of goods. Dr. Spahr proposed to sell everyone who brings in a paper dollar 1-35th of an ounce of gold when the paper dollar will only buy 1-70th of an ounce of gold worth of goods. If any fraud has been proposed by anyone this is it.

Pursuing this type of thinking to its ultimate conclusion as one must with every new program, what do we have? We find ourselves establishing a new price in gold for our goods twice as high at is was in 1939. Every exporter of automobiles, of industrial machinery, and of manufactured goods will find himself losing markets perhaps forever under a program of making the the dollar redeemable with our present wage and tax rates.

The gold miners are practical men and they would not attempt the impossbile. In this case, making the dollar redeemable in gold is attempting the impossible. As I have noted, such a procedure will double the cost in gold of our salable goods in the world's markets, and as such is undesirable. We can keep our goods at the same gold price as we had in 1939 and make the dollar redeemable in gold at $35 per ounce, but in order to do so we would have to go back to 1939 wage and tax rates.

In fact, the taxes for purely governmental purposes would have to be lower than 1939 because we have assumed new burdens which would have to be paid out of the same gross tax as was assessed in 1939. One of these is the cost of taking care of wounded and sick veterans of World War II, amounting to $5 billion per year or more; another is the interest on the debt increase amounting to another $5 billion per year. There are others.

No practical person would attempt to get wages and taxes back to 1939 levels. Therefore, the logical procedure is to recognize the new relationship of purchasing power of a dollar with gold. In various parts of the world various ideas pertain as to that relationship.. In China, they say a dollar will buy the same amount of as 1-100th of an ounce of gold. In other places the ideas vary, but nowhere can you find anyone who believes that he should deliver as many goods for a dollar as he does for 1-35th of an ounce of gold.

The gold miners only ask that the present existing relationship be recognized. This applies not only to the dollar, but to all currencies. When one reads of nations resorting to barter because they cannot reach agreement on the relative values of their respective currencies one wonders if mankind is really as intelligent as it is purported to be.

A Free Gold Market Desirable

In order that the proper value be determined for the dollars as against gold the industry is requesting that a free market be established where normal trade will determine the price at which the miner will give his ounce of gold, whether that price be in pounds, pesos or dollars. They believe that this market should be a free market, established in the United States where not only the miner could trade his product for currencies, but where currencies could be traded for currencies or for gold.

The gold miner, besides being a practical man, is also a patient man. He has seen the government arbitrarily close his mines on short notice with no provision made for paying insurance on his plants, or taxes, or paying for keeping water pumped from his mines, not for days or weeks, but for nearly three years under the infamous Limitation Order L-208. He has read in the testimony presented before a House committee in which Mr. Milo Perkins wrote Mr. Donald Nelson on Dec. 19, 1944, in part as follows:

"It is essential . . . that a reduction in gold mining should be envisaged for the postwar period."

Can you imagine that!

Now he has just about reached the conclusion that he will not be pushed around anymore by misguided theorists. He is going to have his say whether it is found palatable or not and he is going to stick as close to the facts as he can. He will serve his own and his country's interests best by seeing that the thinking about gold becomes less confused rather than the reverse.

WARDEN HISCOX ASKS DOG OWNERS' HELP IN PROTECTING WILD LIFE

A warning to dog owners of this area has been issued by Earl Hiscox, state fish and game warden, who said hundreds of deer are being killed in nearby regions by bands of roving dogs.

The deer, thin and weakened by the long cold winter that has covered the foraging areas with deep snows, have fallen prey to dogs.

Hiscox pointed out deer will be fawning in May, adding the animals will lose their fawns if dogs are allowed to molest them. The effect on the future of the deer population in the area is serious, the game warden emphasized.

Areas where deer have been found dead following attacks by dogs, include: Blue Tent, Columbia Hill, Lava Cap Mine Ridge and Montezuma Hill, as well as areas in the foothill region.

Hiscox reminds dog owners of the California game code which makes it unlawful to allow dogs to track or trail deer during closed season. Violators of this section (No. 1287) may be fined $25 or $500 or be sentenced to six months in jail.

The veteran game warden asks cooperation of dog owners and sportsmen to help protect deer now recovering from one of the most serious winters in recent history.

Always look out for the sunlight the Lord sends into your days. —Hope Campbell

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PROPERTY TAX 15 PER CENT ABOVE 1947-48

Property taxes throughout Nevada county this year are 15 per cent higher than they were last year, California Taxpayers, association reported.

Taxes levied by the county, cities, schools, and special districts in the county for 1948-49 total $934,200, while the levy for 1947-48 was $811,179.

Property levy for the county itself this year totals $431,973, up 14 per cent over the $377,373 levy for 1947-48.

Property taxes for the cities in the county for 1948-49 amount to $67,934, which is 26 per cent higher than the $53,991 levied for 1947-48. This figure does not include city sales taxes or business licenses and fees which cities levy.

School district demands for property taxes in the county this year reached $426,008—an increase of 18 per cent over the $359,525 levy for 1947-48.

Levies for special districts in the county for 1948-49 total $8,285, 59 per cent less than the $20,290 levy for 1947-48.

Over the state as a whole, property taxes for 1948-49 total $671,353,026, 21 per cent more than the $555,578,654 levied for 1947-48, the association found.

Property tayes for county purposes—statewide—reached $254,906,422 for 1948-49, up 21 per cent from the $210,944,016 levied for 1947-48.

City levies on property this year amount to $114,633,353, an increase of 11 per cent over the $103,692,204 levied for 1947-48.

School district levies on local property total $257,776,180 for 1948-49, up 27 per cent from the $202,603,395 levied for 1947-48.

Property taxes for special districts for 1948-49 amount to $44,037,071, an increase of 15 per cent over the $38,339,039 levied for 1947-48.

"There is scarcely a unit of government in California which could not do some economizing," the taxpayers' association said, pointing out that:

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PRESENTED TO CUB SCOUTS AT DINNER

A potluck dinner was held by Cub Pack No. 23 at Seaman's lodge with achievement awards being presented by Cub Master Onda Smith.

Bobcat awards were given to Charles Eden and Bill Mullis; Bear awards to Ronny Williams and Jimmy Kendrick; Wolf awards to Kenny Maloney, Melvin Schuldt, Eugene Foote, Bobby Wicks and Allan Ellis.

Gold arrows were presented to Bruce Hesla, Jimmy Kendrick, Ronny Williams, and Eugene Foote. Receiving silver arrows for extra achievements were Bruce Hesla with three; Ted Ness, six; Bobby Wicks, six; Peter Hill, two; Bob Goss, two; Larry Hornberger, one; Allan Ellis, one; Jimmy Kendrick, two; Ronny Williams, one; and Eugene Foote, one.

Bob Wicks and Bob Smith received Denner's stripes, Assistant Denner's stripes were awarded to Bob Smith and Bob Fisher.

Elected by their dens to serve as keeper of buckskins were Eugene Foote, Kenneth Maloney, Larry Hornberger, and Harold Hummelt. Allan Ellis was elected sergeant at arms of Den No. 1.

Den 3, with 87 achievements, won the achievement ribbon for February, and Den 5 won with 93 achievements for March.

Dens 2 and 5 tied for uniform inspection honors.

Parent attendance was won by Den 4. Table decorations for the dinner was the handicraft assignment for February. Den 4 won the ribbon for this work.

Handicraft for March was soap carving. Original objects were judged, with Den 5 taking the final honors. Fred Relaford received a special award for his exceptional work in carving a pipe organ and bench. The best skit of the evening was turned in by Den 4.

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March 27 Is Deadline For Vote Registration

March 27 is the deadline for registration for voting in the school district trustee election May 20, according to County Clerk Ralph E. Deeble.

Registration applies to the following:

1. Those who have moved out of a voting precinct since the November general election.
2. Those who were cancelled for their failure to vote in one of the last two elections.
3. New voters in the district.

Cheerfulness is a friend to grace; it puts the heart in tune to praise God, and so honors religion by proclaiming to the world that we serve a good master.
Thomas Watson

The mind that is cheerful at present will have no solicitude for the future, and will meet the bitter occurrences of life with a smile. —Horace

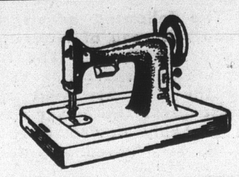
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Holmes Funeral Home Installs New Organ

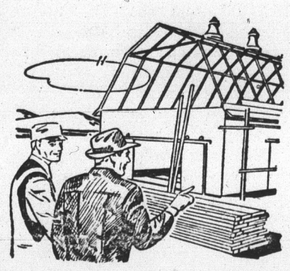
Remodeling of the chapel at the Holmes Funeral Home has been completed, with the addition of an electric organ, according to Paul Bergemann, owner.

Installation and final adjustments on the mellow-toned organ were completed Thursday by Sherman-Clay of San Francisco.

Other improvements at the chapel include: painting, newly-textured walls, lowering of the ceiling, and installation of new rest rooms.



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Church Notes

Christian Science Church

Christian Science society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the church on Boulder street.

Sunday school will be at 9:45.

Testimonial meeting first Wednesday of each month at 8 p m

Our reading room is now located in the church edifice, 114 Boulder street and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted, from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). This is the golden text of the Christian Science lesson-sermon for Sunday, March 27, on the subject "Reality."

The following citations are included in the sermon:

The Bible: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Trinity Episcopal Church

Rev. Max L. Christensen, rector

March 27, Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m.—Church school.

11 a.m.—Morning prayer and sermon. Third of a series on the Lord's prayer.

7:30 p.m.—Organ recital, Reginald Greenbrook at the console of the new Wurlitzer memorial organ. The public is cordially invited.

Wednesday

7:30 p.m.—Evening prayer led by the rector. Organ meditation by John Davis, Trinity organist.

8 p.m.—Senior choir practice.

Thursday

4 p.m.—Junior choir practice.

Friday

7:30 p.m.—Reading of the litany.

St. Canice Church

Sundays—8 and 10:30 a m.
Holy days—7:15 and 9 a.m.
Week days—8 a.m.

Devotional services, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 p.m., until Easter Sunday.

Methodist Church

Dahlgren E. Casey, pastor

9:45 a.m.—Sunday school, Lloyd Geist, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Worship Service. "Mary or Martha, Which?"

6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship devotional and recreational services in social hall.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal. W. Tobiassen, supervising.

Pentecostal Church of God

116 Sacramento Street

Austin Allen, pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship,
7.45 p.m.—Evening service.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., evangelistic message.

Community Baptist Church

311 Commercial Street

Rev. John A. MacDonald, pastor

9:45 a.m.—Sunday school.

11 a.m.—Morning worship. Beginning of a series for Easter on "The King of Life." This week's sermon will be "The King's Intention."

6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service. The Missionary Enterprise.

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.—Teacher training class.

7:30 p.m.—Quarterly business meeting.

Thursday

3:30 p.m.—Good News club.

7 p.m.—Young people's night.

Ponemah Council To Start Toy Project

Ponemah Council No. 6, Daughters of Pocahontas discussed child welfare at the regular business meeting last night in Odd Fellows hall.

At a recent meeting of the council a project began to provide a closet for children's toys and equipment to be given to the county hospital. The closet is to be supplied and cared for the group which would make a continuing project of supplying new items for the children.

FATHER ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Innis returned from Modesto Monday evening where they had been called by the serious illness of Mrs. Innis' father, W. E. Bartholomew.

Zeikel Recital Scheduled For Early In April

David Zeikel, internationally famous violinist, now a resident of Nevada City, will appear in recital at the veterans' memorial building in Grass Valley Thursday, April 7.

Dorothy Kitts, distinguished local pianist, will be his accompanist.

This will be the first such affair to be sponsored by "The Town Talkers," a group of local people who have organized informally for the purpose of furthering the work of musicians and artists living in this area by presenting their work to the public.

Dow Alexander is chairman of the group, which also includes Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Margaret Setzer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kitts, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schran, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilberg, Mr. and Mrs. T. Benton Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Randall, Mr. and Mrs Al Kronfeld, Mr. and Mrs. David Lamson, and Mr. and Mrs. Zeikel.

Zeikel's first concert, given last autumn in Grass Valley, was one of the outstanding musical events of the year here. He has been termed by critics "America's Kreisler," has played with the Boston and other leading symphony orchestras, and has appeared in recitals in most major cities of America. He is leading exponent of the "unaccompanied" violin, and promises to play one unaccompanied number in his April 7 program.

Since coming to Nevada City he has played for schools and for various club groups, and with Mrs. Kitts presented a series of programs over KGFN last winter.

The program for the coming concert, he announces, will be made up of numbers requested by listeners at his various appearances here in the past.

Native Daughters Of Golden West Prepare For Joint Reception

Laurel Parlor No. 6, Native Daughters of the Golden West, under the direction of President Christine Kite, met last week. Final plans were made for a joint meeting with Manzanita Parlor, Grass Valley, Tuesday, April 5, when Grand President Margaret Fansworth will be received.

A dinner preceding the meeting will be held at the Legion memorial building at 6:30 p.m. Laurel Parlor members wishing to attend the dinner should notify Annie Darke before April 2.

Vera Steger, chairman, and Beth Wilson, co-chairmen, assisted by Laurel members were selected to assist Manzanita in the preparation. Teresa Cassettari is in charge of activities and Thelma Butz and Edna Maguire, the presentation of gifts.

Deputy Grand President Carrie Berryman, assisted by Grand President Anne Whiting and Marshal Effice Goering, installed Minerva Wright and Mary Meservey as trustees for the ensuing term. These members were ill at time of installation in January.

Following the business meeting a short program was given. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall by Virginia O'Neill and her committee. The tables were decorated with shamrocks, greens and small "Irish" favors.

MORE ABOUT—

LT. ED SANTIN

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ties involving his Canadian birth.

He accepted and volunteered for overseas duty. Sent to the China, Burma, India theater, he flew the hump on the supply run, successfully completing 63 missions. On what was to have been his final mission, his aircraft exploded in mid-air. He bailed out with only slight injuries and it was the first and only time he was forced to abandon an aircraft in 18 years of flying.

Lt. Sandin returned to the U. S. in January 1946 and was assigned as instructor at Castle field, Merced. In 1947 he attended instrument school and entered the reconnaissance work he is now engaged in.

The air forces sent him to Alaska and Greenland in 1948 and he pioneered in testing ski-equipped aircraft under varying Arctic conditions, setting records for landing on unchartered islands, lakes and territories where landings were formerly thought impossible.

One island which he discovered has since been named Sandin island.

At present he is engaged in specially equipped B-29 project conducted by the headquarters of the strategic air command.

The "Bear Flag" was adopted by the state legislature in 1911 as the official State flag.

FRENCH CORRAL NDGW INSTALL OFFICERS AT RECENT MEETING

Lurline Stuart, correspondent

Margaret Madden was installed as president of Columbia Parlor No. 70, Native Daughters of the Golden West, at a recent meeting of the organization, with Past President Theresa O'Connor presiding. Other officers installed were Roberta Stuart, fiest vice-president; Ethel Saunders, second vice-president; Phyllia Butz, third vice-president; Lois Butz, outside sentinel; Alta Atchinson, insite sentinel; Adele Browning, marshal; Fannie Moulton, recording secretary; Lucy Kneebone, treasurer. Next meeting of the organization will be Friday, April 1.

The old-time dance held at the historic French Corral schoolhouse recently was wonderfully enjoyed by everyone. The music was furnished by the Rhythm Rascals, composed of F. A. Stuart, violin and mandolin banjo; Mrs. Roberta Stuart, drums; Waide Oden, violin; Lowell Struckman, piano accordion.

D. A. Buckee has been appointed P.G.&E. agent at North San Juan.

A P-TA meeting will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the North San Juan schoolhouse for election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Gould of Nevada City were Friday visitors at the Sweetland home of their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Stuart, and family.

Peterson's Corner will resume its dancing season on Saturday, May 7.

Mrs. Maude Campbell of the San Juan ridge has written a beautiful song entitled, "Priscilla."

Capt. M. Smith and Lt. Lloyd Black, stationed at Mather field Sacramento, visited at the Sweetland home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stuart, for a few hours, before returning to the air base to fly a ship to the Hawaiian islands.

Alfred Sauers of Sweetland had his car smashed when another driver ran his car into Sauers' car.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sauers of Garberville are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Sauers at their Sweetland district ranch.

Leslie Joan Gould, who has been ill with the flu, has recovered. She makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. Roberta Stuart. Leslie has a new wardrobe and is planning a formal to go with a new fur evening jacket.

Waide Oden is repairing his sawmill and expects it soon to be in operation.

Lurline Stuart was planting flower seeds Sunday and is planning to soon start a vegetable garden.

Gene Duggan returning home from work one day this week caught a ring tail cat, which he has placed on a chain. Duggan plans to make a pet of the cat despite the many bites the animal has inflicted.

Mrs. Purssell Heads Oakland School PTA

Mrs. Madge Purssell was elected president of the Oakland school district Parent-Teacher association at a meeting Friday afternoon at the Gold Flat school house.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Mable Stahlschmidt, first vice-president; Thomas M. Farney, second vice-president; Mary Peard, secretary; Ethel Heyne, treasurer and Lillian Granholm, auditor.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. Clara White, past president.

Guest speaker was Ray Ewan, boy scout executive of the Tahoe area council. The purpose of his talk was to create interest in cub scouting.

Mrs. Purssell and Mrs. Stahlschmidt volunteered to aid in a scouting program for the group. It was decided that a troop be established and affiliated with Troop 23 of Nevada City.

Following business meeting, cake and tea were served.

NC Home Department Gathering Yesterday

March meeting of the members and friends of the Nevada City Home Department was held at Seaman's Lodge, yesterday at 11 a.m.

Lunch and coffee were served.

I.O.O.F. MEETS

Weekly meeting of Oustomah Lodge No. 16, I.O.O.F., was held at Odd Fellows hall Tuesday night, with George Halstead, noble grand, in charge. Practice of the degree team followed the business session attended by a large crowd.

ILL THIS WEEK

Mrs. Genevieve Cooper, saleslady at Risley's, is under the weather this week, and is remaining at home with the flu.

Discovery of gold-bearing quartz at Grass Valley in 1850 revolutionized gold mining in California.

BPWC Elect New Officers

Fifteen members of the Nevada City Business and Professional club enjoyed a delightful evening at the home of Ruth Veale Wednesday evening.

The following officers were elected to serve during the following year: Adelaide Reilley, president; Louise Kyle, first vice president; Wanda Lageson, second vice president; Ida Mae Foote, third vice president; Betty Skalisky, secretary; Gertrude Zollars, treasurer.

Plans have been completed for the "brunch" honoring the high school senior girls on Sunday, March 27. The "brunch" will be served at 12:30 p.m. at the Methodist church recreation hall. Reservations are to be made with Ida Mae Foote.

After routine club business, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Girl Scout Adviser Meets With Local Council Thursday

The Nevada City Girl Scout council met Thursday night with Miss Henrietta McCouestland, Palo Alto, community adviser for the Big Tree Region No. 12 of the national branch office of the Girl Scouts.

The meeting at city hall was attended by 15 local leaders and members of the council. Mrs. Mary Kohler, who entertained the Girl Scout leader at a dinner earlier in the evening, was in charge of the meeting.

Miss McCouestland, who represents the western states, and Guam, outlined the new policies of the national Girl Scout organization, and discussed problems of the local council.

The visiting official told council members here of the success in some communities of cooperation between the Chamber of Commerce and the Girl Scout organization in extending an official welcome to new residents and owners of new businesses.

Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Coughlin Attend Doll Collectors Luncheon

Mrs. Maudie Shaw and Mrs. Lenore Coughlin of Nevada City were guests of the National Doll Collectors club at a luncheon and meeting at Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.

A recent addition to Mrs. Coughlin's collection was sent by Mrs. Hildegard Goller from Passau, Germany. This is a very old hand carved wooden Creche doll made in Italy but sent to Mrs. Goller many years ago. Mrs. Goller sent a fairy folk doll, which has a history somewhat like Pinocchio.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT OF FOREST SERVICE CAMPSITE IS GIVEN

The Tahoe national forest service this year will give the special use permit system a test in the Hampshire Rocks camp ground near Big Bend.

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor, states that a permit to operate the camp ground will be given to private partes. He may charge 50 cents per night for parties of six or less in cars, for which he will maintain the camp ground. The new arrangement is being tried out in several forest camps through the country. The purpose of the experiment is to find out whether campers will keep a clean, sanitary camp ground, under competent supervision.

Portable Crusher Is Brought to Community

Herb Hallett, city superintendent of streets, went to Stockton to bring the recently purchased portable rock crusher to Nevada City.

The crusher, purchased recently by city officials, to supply rock for street repairs, was obtained at a sale of surplus government equipment.

Accompanying Hallett on the trip was Bill Swain, new Nevada City airport manager.

Marysville Students Give Assembly Today

A musical program featuring voices of 60 Marysville high school students will be heard today at 1 p.m. in the Nevada City high school gym.

The program is being brought to the Nevada City students as part of a regular spring program tour by the Marysville musicians.

In charge of the assembly will be Bob Topliff, student body president.

The American flag was raised by Captain Montgomery of the S.S. Portsmouth in Portsmouth Plaza at San Francisco July 9, 1846.

MORE ABOUT—

TAXES

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Armistice day to the list of holidays and includes it in the above proviseion.

Equal Pay for Equal Work—Several assembly bills have been introduced that would require employers to pay the same scale of wages to women as to men for the same or equal work.

Employer Registration — Two senate bills (906 and 1013) would add a new section to the unemployment insurance act to authorize employer registration through the board of equalization.

Pharmacist—SB 965 would increase the license fee for operating a pharmacy from $5 to "from $5 to $15" and the same rate for a renewal. The fee for registration of a pharmacist is raised from $10 to $25 with renewal raised from $10 to $15.

Hours—AB 2420 would specify that a registered pharamist shall not be required to work more than 40 hours per week, or eight hours per day except in a case of necessity affecting the public health, and in such case shall be paid double the hourly rate; further that payment of wages to a registered pharmacist shall be on a calendar week basis.

Shoe Repairing — AB 1929 would license and regulate shoe repairing by establishing within the department of professional and vocational standards a board empowered to establish minimum prices. The license fees are left blank.

Restaurants—AB 561 would provide for state inspection of restaurants with grading to be set up as A, B, and C in accordance with standards of sanitation to be set forth in regulations of the state board of health. Under this bill, signs would be required indicating grade of the restaurant.

Magazines—AB 1356 would prohibit the sale of comic books to children by making it a misdemeanor to sell to anyone under 18 years of age any magazine, etc., which primarily features crime or the commission of arson, assault, murder, etc.

Prison Made Goods—AB 747 would allow prison made articles to be sold to the public off prison premises. At present the law provides for such sales only at state prisons.

Small Claims Court—AB 449 would raise the jurisdiction of the small claims court from $50 to $100.

Two assembly bills introduced provide that the board of supervisors shall not employ any group or public agencies to perform any county function, nor make funds available for such, or any person or group representing at any congress, legislature or law making body, over which the board does not have direct authority and control.

The above resume is taken from a booklet issued by the California Retailers association entitled "The Retailer and the California Legislature." The booklet contains many more proposed laws and can be seen at the office of the Nevada City Chamger of Commerce.

Sugar beets are produced in 31 of California's 58 counties.

News of Nevada City Elementary School

Written and Edited by Students of Nevada City Elementary School

EIGHTH GRADE

Mr. Bonner's eighth grade received its civics test grades today. There were some happy faces and some sad ones.

The softball team is coming along well. We are hoping for several games with Grass Valley and other schools.

We are having folk dancing again. We are doing the military schottische, cotton eye Joe, and wooden shoes under the direction of Mrs. Elise De Mattei and William Tobiassen.

SEVENTH GRADE

Tuesday we made an experiment wtih a silk cocoon. We boiled the cocoon in water and then pulled out all but one fiber. Then we reeled off all the silk.

Last Wednesday we went to Auburn for a game. Our "B' team won 16 to 21. It was a good clean game.

—By Jim Curry

Miss Ruth Hogan's FIFTH GRADE

We elected new class officers. They are as follows: Eugene Foote, president; Don Hills, vice-president; Robert Goss, secretary; Carole Tildsley, treasurer; Bonnie Haddy, sergeant of arms; and Eddie Underwood, class reporter.

The name of our club is "The Fifth Grade Club."

Mrs. De Mattei's FOURTH GRADE

We have eight boxes of clothing to send to Europe. Dick tied the boxes.

Mrs. Ford's fourth grade comes in two times a week. We sing and sometimes dance.

We are hoping that good weather will come soon. We are anxious to play softball.

—By Larry Hornberger

Births

WEIR—At the Community hospital, Grass Valley, March 14, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weir, Nevada City, a daughter.

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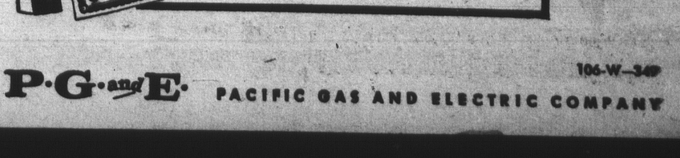
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BERTINO, RAY ELLIS GATHER ELKS AWARDS

Joe Bertino, basketball forward, and Raymond Ellis, football end, received the "most valuable player" awards Thursday night at the Nevada City Elks annual testimonial dinner honoring more than 50 high school athletes and their coaches, George Abbott and Bob Bonner.

John Sbaffi, exalted ruler of the local lodge, announced the winners of the awards following the full-course dinner at the Elks hall.

The names of Bertino and Ellis will be inscribed on gold plaques displayed in the high school trophy case.

The teammates of the two winners approved the selections. Both are seniors and four-year lettermen, and have made enviable records in sports activities at the school.

Bertino gave outstanding performances on the court during the past season. Always a reliable scorer, Joe also became one of the defensive stalwarts of Coach Abbotts cage team.

Bertino, president of the senior class, also earned letters in football, in track, and is considered one of the best outfielders on the school's baseball team.

Ellis won the football award for his excellent showing on the gridiron last fall. Playing in every game on the opposite end of the line from his brother, Norman, the older Ellis was recognized by opposing teams in the league as a tough wingman.

Plagued by a back injury during most of the basketball season, Ray nevertheless was the teams leading rebound artist, turning in some flawless defensive performances. Like Bertino, he is an outfielder on the baseball team.

Also honored, but absent because of illness, was John Cartoscelli, star of the B basketball team, coached this year by Bonner. Cartoscelli, a sophomore, will have his name inscribed on the basketball trophy at the school.

A delicious roast beef dinner was served by Elks losing bowlers. Chef for the evening was Bud Kyle. Howard Wasley was chairman of the dinner committee.

The youngsters had plenty of ice cream and cake. Four huge cakes were ordered especially for the dinner.

Guest speakers included Paul Bergemann, representing the school board; Coaches Bonner and Abbott; Principal Ed Frantz; and Guerdon Ellis, father of Ray and Norman.

Following the conclusion of the dinner, the hall with its bowling alleys and pool tables were turned over to the high school guests.

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COLFAX REPLACED BY JACKSON IN FOOTHILL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Colfax was dropped from the Foothill league and replaced by Jackson at a meeting in Newcastle Thursday evening of directors, officers and representatives of the baseball association.

Lack of interest by Colfax fans was given as the reason for the action.

Manuel Serpa, Placerville, was re-elected president of the league.

A group insurance plan was offered the organization but was tabled at the meeting. The league voted to use paid umpires this year, but the amount of payment was undetermined.

Howard Penrose and Dick Penrose of Nevada City represented the local team at the meeting. They will attend another meeting of the league tonight.

The league is divided into two groups. The northern half includes Jackson, Placerville Outlaws, Auburn Maroons, Forest Hill Bombers, Grass Valley Wild Cats, and Nevada City Merchants. The southern half includes Loomis, Newcastle, Rocklin, Lincoln, and second teams from Placerville and Forest Hill.

The league is composed of younger players who haven't developed sufficiently for the Placer-Nevada league or semi-pro baseball.

Letters to The Editor

Views and Opinions expressed in this column, Letters to The Editor, are not necessarily those of The Nugget.

Our latest scientific success, which is rapidly becoming a commonly accepted instrument of entertainment and will soon be a portion of every American household, is one of the most misunderstood instruments in use today.

This boon to mankind and the American educators is at one and the same time a complex, yet relatively simple instrument.

Its function in every way is parallel to equipment used by the human body since the day of Adam. A brief description is this: a man has an eye with which he sees. This eye has a lens in front of the eyeball which focuses the light on the retina. A minature image is formed. This retina is composed of light-sensitive rods and cones and upon receiving light, these rods and cones generate electrical impulses which are transmitted to the brain through the medium of nerves for interpretation and analysis.

The electrical parallel being today's modern television and it functions in this manner: after many years of wishful thinking and untold hours of experimenting, our electronic engineers, following in the footsteps of Dr. Hertz and one of our most eminent American enginers in electronics, Dr. Zworykin, using light-sensitive materials such as ceasuim, potassium and rubidium, have developed the modern cathode ray tube commonly spoken of as the CRT.

This cathode ray tube functions as the analysing agent paralleling the brain function when associated with the proper surrounding electrical circuits. The eye is known as an iconoscope which functions as the lens or cornea and retina and is comprised of many rods and cones within a glass envelope and functioning in a near vacuum. This iconoscope is an elaboration of our commonly used and well known photo-electric cell.

The iconoscope, when surrounded by the proper electrical circuits is used in the same manner as a microphone to modulate a radio transmitter and is known as a video impulse. This video impulse, when used in conjunction with an audio impulse, generated by microphones and amplified and phased in the transmitter and transmitted through the atmosphere as electrical impulses and received by a modern television receiver, becomes television.

So we find we have television built around two simple, yet complex, mechanisms.

The camera is built around an iconoscope and the receiver is built around a cathode ray tube.

I sincerely hope that these few words help to remove the cloak of mysticism which seems to surround television today.

Sincerely,

E. R. "Jim" Stoddard, ET
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Most recent acquisition of the de Young museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate park include "The Tribute Money" by Peter Paul Rubens, painted in 1612.

Nearly every use of water in some way degrades the quality of the water and may render it less suitable for subsequent use.

ANCHOS PLAY PRACTICE GAME IN SACRAMENTO

The Nevada City Anchos, member of the Placer-Nevada baseball league, will play its first practice game Sunday afternoon in Sacramento with the Mexican Athletic club. At press time, Manager Marvin Haddy had not received time and field of the game. Haddy said the team will leave from the Shell station at 10 a.m., Sunday.

Haddy plans to have evening workouts at 5 o'clock tonight and tomorrow if weather and ground conditions permit.

Pitching remains the club's major problem and at present Haddy expects Bob Radley, up from the Foothill league, Jim Trathen, and John Grothe, will handle the hurling chores.

Ainsley Fouyer, first string catcher last year, reports today to the Stockton Ports for a try-out in professional baseball. Mel Hamilton, who operates a sawmill business near here, was formerly owner of the Stockton franchise of the California league, and he reports Fouyer was the standout player of last year's Anchos and should be able to make the grade in professional baseball.

If Fouyer makes the grade, Haddy will be on the prowl for another catcher. Ed Frantz, Herschel Lotz, L. A. Stephens and George Cameron all have worn the mask and could give the needed protection behind the plate.

RUSTY-DUSTY, GOLDEN LABRADOR RETRIEVER DIES OF DISTEMPER

Rusty-Dusty, a thoroughbred golden Labrador retriever, owned by Leon Cullen, died Monday night of distemper.

The pup, only a few months old, was already demonstrating potentialities of developing into a remarkably excellent field dog. The pup was a descendant of Clipper and Inky, registered Labradors, owned by Charles Smith of Nevada City.

Rusty-Dusty had an unusually fine coat of tawny gold.

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Fifty Men Attend Trinity Breakfast

Fifty persons were present at the Trinity Men's club breakfast Sunday. Cooks were Bert Foreman and George Carter. Trinity rector, the Rev. Max Christensen, gave a short address on "The Four-Hundredth Anniversary of the Prayer Book," pointing out interesting sidelights which have gone into the history of the formation of the book.

The breakfast, the first activity of the newly formed Men's Club was considered a success by all, and several resuests were received for a similar meeting Easter morning.

The club will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m., immediately following the reading of the litany. Election of officers will take place, and plans will be made for future social events.

PENN VALLEY BOY ENTERS STEER IN GRAND NATIONAL

Lynn Gleason of Penn Valley 4-H Club, Nevada county, entered an Aberdeen Angus beef steer in the 1949 Grand National Junior livestock exposition and arena show which will be held in the San Francisco-San Mateo Cow Palace April 9 to 14 inclusive.

More than 1,200 Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club boys and girls are expected to trail more than 4,000 head of beef and dairy cattle, sheep and swine into the huge pavilion for six days of exhibition, judging, demonstrations and aucton sales.

This year's arena show promises to be the most spectacular in the history of the Junior Grand National and is being produced with the view in mind of bringing high entertainment to adults as well as youngsters. Matinee and evening performances will be held over the opening weekend and the program will be highlighted by the bone-jarring thrills of rodeo.

Advance indications are that while beef animals will predominate in the cattle division, dairy animals will show a spectacular increase over the number mustered when dairy classes were first instituted in 1948. Preliminary checks indicate that there will be an increase of 84 per cent in these classes this year. The same sharp increase ratio will be shown in hog exhibits.

PLANTATION DAYS IS THEME OF ELKS CLUB

The Elks will give a party next Saturday night entitled plantation days beginning with a southern fried chicken dinner

The plantation days show is written and produced by Frank Stewart and George Hansen.

Answer to quotation in editorial column: Woodrow Wilson.

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NEVADA CO. GRAND JURY WILL BE DRAWN MONDAY MORNING

Superior Court Judge James Snell ordered the drawing of a grand jury to serve for the 1949-50 term.

Summons will be served on 26 persons from Grass Valley, Nevada, and Meadow Lake Townships, with a meeting of the jurors called by Judge Snell for Monday at 10 a.m. in the superior court.

Following is the roster from which a final jury of 19 will be selected.

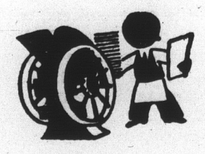
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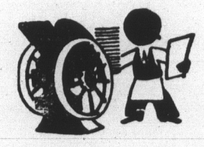
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Sportsmen's Club To Meet Monday Night

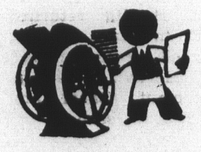
Nevada County Sportsmen's club will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the city hall, according to an announcement by H. F. "Si" Sofge, secretary of the club. Motion pictures, eats and the regular order of business will be presented.



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